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TO AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SOPN, OTRA (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: PRESS LINE ON CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN AMMAN

REF: JERUSALEM 0245

1. SINCE FACT OF AMMAN COM MEETING HAS LEAKED IN ISRAELI PRESS
THIS MORNING, AFTER INFORMING DEPARTMENT, USDEL IS USING
ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARA THREE REFTEL IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS
MEDIA QUERIES.

2. STORY IN "YEDIOTH AHRONATH" SINGLES OUT THREE SUBJECTS
ALLEGEDLY TO BE DISCUSSED: (A) PEACE CONTACTS BETWEEN EGYPT
AND ISRAEL; (B) THE MASSIVE INFUSION OF SOVIET ARMS TO THE ARABS;

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(C) PROCEEDINGS IN WASHINGTON ON THE SUPPLY OF AMERICAN WAR
PLANES TO EGYPT AND SAUDIA ARABIA. IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES
ABOUT THIS ALLEGED AGENDA, USDEL SPOKESMAN IS USING ADDITIONAL
POINTS IN PARA THREE REFTEL, STRESSING THAT THIS INFORMAL MEETING
COVERING MANY SUBJECTS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE THE
PURPOSE OF FOCUSING ON ANY NEW INITIATIVE OR DEPARTURE
FROM AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY. HE IS CONFIRMING THAT

THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, AND THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADORS FROM LEBANON, SYRIA, JORDAN, SAUDIA ARABIA, EGYPT, AND ISRAEL WILL BE PRESENT.

3. FOR AMMAN: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY TO COUNTER ISRAELI LEAK, I RECOMMEND YOU PUT OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THERE AS COMING FROM US EMBASSY AMMAN, AS PLANNED.

4. TO OTHER POSTS: IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS, I PROPOSE YOU REFER TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS COMING FROM US EMBASSY AMMAN, USING GUIDANCE IN REFTEL TO ANSWER FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.

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